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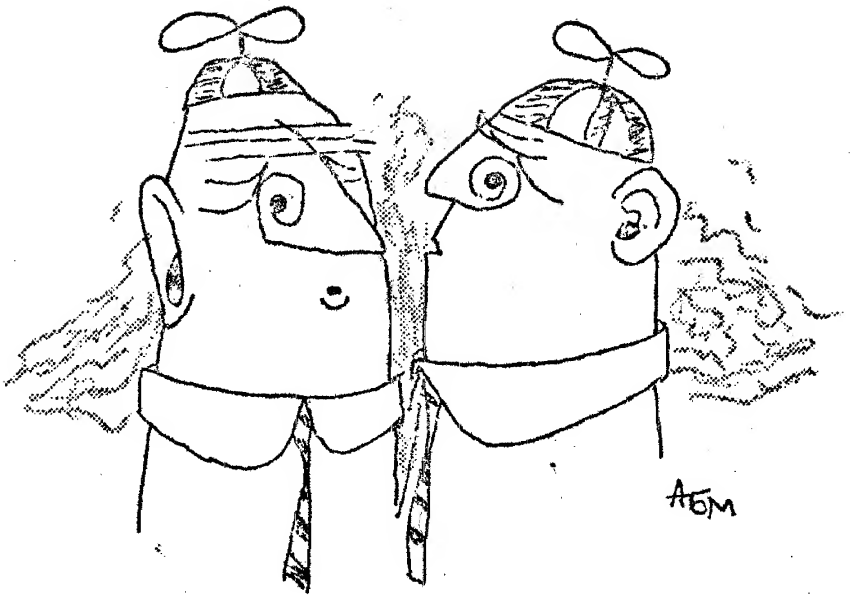

"Now listen, Halle, if Jeff Key says we drink Coke at the Dipcon, then we drink coke. Besides, Bob Lake says it isn't half bad warm."

"Well, okay, Koning... but I don't have to <u>like</u> it, do I?"

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I WENT TO THE DIPCON III the other week, but you'll have to turn to the back of the magazine for my report, and if it isn't there you'll have to wait until next time. This is my magazine, by damn...

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ADDRESS CODES After your name on the address label you will find either a "P," indicating that you are (or were) a player in a game still continuing in this magazine; or a "T," indicating that we trade, or I wish we traded, or I think we trade; or perhaps even a number, indicating that you are a subscriber and this is the number of the last issue you will receive. If nothing appears after your name, don't worry, you are getting the magazine by mistake.

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sTab #V "Fall 1908" 22 July 1970

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ENGLAND: F Lyon-WMed; F Edi (S) FRENCH F Lon-Nth
FRANCE: F Lon-Nth; F Bre-Eng; F Nap-Apu; A Pie (S) ITALIAN A Ven; A Bur-Ruh; A Bel (S) A Bur-Ruh
TURKEY: F Aeg (S) AUSTRIAN F Ion-Gre; A Con (S) A Ank; A Ank (S) A Con

DEREK "SUDS" NELSON

ITALY: A Rom (S) AUSTRIAN F Ion-Nap; F Tyrr-Ion; F Tus-Tyrr; A Ven-hold
AUSTRIA: F Ion-Nap

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JOHN SMYTHE

RUSSIA: A Bul-Con; F Bla (S) A Bul-Con; F Gre-Aeg; A Ser-Alb; A Tri (S) A Tyr-Ven; A Tyr-Ven; A Vie-Tyr; F Bar-Nwg; A Nwy-Bel; F Nth (C) A Nwy-Bel; F Den (S) F Nth; F Hol (S) A Nwy-Bel; A Mun-Bur; A Ruh (S) A Mun-Bur; A Sil-Mun; F Lvp-hold; A Ukr-Rum

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French Army Belgium may retreat to Picardy or off the board. The French Army Burgundy may retreat to Picardy, Paris, Gascony, Marseilles, or off the board. These retreats should accompany the "Winter 1908" orders, which may be made conditional upon them.

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1908" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 1970

BUILDS:

ENGLAND:	~~Lvp~~, Edi ((1)) Remove ONE	Total 10
FRANCE:	Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Spa, ~~Bel~~, Lon ((6)) No change	
TURKEY:	Ank, Smy, Con ((3)) No change	
ITALY:	Ven, Rom, ~~Nap~~, Tun ((3)) Remove ONE	
AUSTRIA:	~~Tri~~, Nap ((1)) No change	Total 4
RUSSIA:	StP, War, Mos, Sev, Rum, Swe, Nwy, Den, Ber, Kie, Bud, Mun, Bul, Hol, Vie, Ser, Gre, Lvp, Bel, Tri ((20)) Build THREE	

TRANTOR

#92/SVG #92 "Spring 1917, Game III" 22 July 1970

A U S T R I A S C O R E S N E W V I C T O R Y

ITALIANS PASTED IN SERBIA

ENGLAND: A Ruh-Bur; A Mun (S) A Kie; A Kie (S) A Mun; F Bal-Ber; (Fournelle) A Hol-Ruh; F Both (S) A StP; A StP-hold; F WMed-hold; A Lon-Bel; F Nth (C) A Lon-Bel; F Nwy-Nwg; A Edi-hold

ITALY: A Ser (S) F Gre-Bul(sc); F Gre-Bul(sc); A Tri (S) A Ser; (Clark) F Alb-Gre; F Adr (S) A Tri; A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Ven; A Nap-Tun; F Ion (C) A Nap-Tun; F Apu (S) F Ion

ASSTRIA: F Aeg-Bul(sc); F EMed-Ion; A Rum (S) A Bud-Ser; A Bud- (Smythe) Ser; A Vie (S) A Tyr-Tri; A Boh-Tyr; A Ber (S) A Pru; A Pru (S) A Ber; A Lvn (S) A Mos; A Mos (S) A Lvn; A Tyr-Tri

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Italian Army Serbia is annihilated.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1917" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 1970

WHITEHALL - May 1917 (Reuters) The Admiralty has announced that the Norway Fleet will be withdrawn in order to allow it's replacement with the newly formed Highlander Army of Edinburgh. The Highlanders have been issed winter equipment, and speculation is that they will take part in a renewed campaign to capture Moscow, although His Majesty's government still insists that the primary goal of the war is liberation of all territory formerly belonging to the Kaiser under the agreement between the German Empire and the United Kingdom.

COUR OF ST. JAMES - May 1917 His Majesty's government respectfully reminds His Italian Majesty that Portugal belongs within the British sphere of influence, and use of its supply facilities has been given temporarily to Italy to allow His Italian Majesty to conduct the war against the Austrians. Now that Austria has been reduced in power, His Britannic Majesty respectfully inquires when it will be convenient to return Portugal to the United Kingdom.

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S E V E R A L R U L E R S D I S A P P E A R

NEW BLOOD EXPECTED SOON (Heh heh)

Summer 1908: Italian Fleet Mid Atlantic retreats to Portugal. Austrian Army Tyrolia is removed for lack of retreat.

ENGLAND: A StP-Mos; A Nwy-StP; F Mid-Spa(sc); F Nat-Mid; F Eng
(Beyerlein) (S) F Nat-Mid; F Nth-hold

GERMANY: F Pru-Ber; F Bre (S) ENGLISH F Nat-Mid; A Gas-Spa;
(Smythe) A Bur (S) A Ruh-Mun; A Mun-Sil; A Ruh-Mun; A War (S)
A Mun-Sil; A Lvn (S) A War

ITALY: F Por (S) F Spa; F Spa(sc) (S) F Por; F Naf-Wied; F Tyrr-
(Prosnitz) Wied; A War (S) F Spa; A Pie (S) A War; A Tyr (S)
AUSTRIAN A Boh-Mun

AUSTRIA: No moves received. F Gre; A's Sil, Gal, Bud-stand
(White)

TURKEY: A Mos-hold; A Ukr (S) A Mos; A Sev (S) A Mos; A Rum (S)
(Kuch) A Ukr; F Bul(sc)-Gre; F Aeg (S) F Bul-Gre

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Silesia and Fleet Greece are annihilated. See Replacement Notes below.

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DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1908" ORDE$S IS FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 1970

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BUILDS:
ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, StP, Swe ((6)) No change
GERMANY: Ber, Kie, Hol, Bel, Par, Bre, Den, Mun, War ((9)) Build ONE
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Mar, Por, Spa ((7)) No change
AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, ~~Gre~~, ~~War~~ ((4)) Build TWO
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy, Sev, Bul, Rum, Mos, Gre ((8)) Build ONE

REPLACEMENT NOTES: Replacement moves are requested for [illegible] Austria from Jerry Pournelle (12051 Laurel Terrace, Studio City, Calif. 91604), to be used if [illegible] and White do not submit their next moves.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Terry Kuch
7554 Spring Lake Drive
Bethesda, Maryland 20034

THE SUBLIME IMPOTENTATE TO FRANZ JOSEF: I have today ordered Turkish troops into Greece. This is not to interfere in the affairs of a foreign country in any way, but merely to protect our fighting men in Bulgaria, especially as the Bulgarian Resistance seems well on its way to running us out of that country. Our own youth (we call them 'young Turks') wants our troops out of Bulgaria, too, so I can see no other course than to send them into Greece.

ATHENS We welcomed today the liberating conquerors of Greece, the troops of the Sublime Impotentate, headed by a fellow-Greek, the Vice Sublime Impotentate. The V.S.I. made a ringing speech denouncing the Austrians, Germans, English, and Italians as 'creeps,' and declaring the Turkish intention to liberate Hernia next. After this, I was installed as Satrap. -- Spiros Preposterous

CONSTANTINOPLE Ally wanted: apply within. No Austrians need apply. In order to be considered, candidates must agree to forsake all prior alliances (loyalty will never win you a game, Doug).

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Game 1968AD "Spring 1905, Game IV" 22 July 1970

F R A N C E, A U S T R I A B E A T E N B A C K

ENGLISH STAR ASCENDENT... OR IS IT?

ENGLAND: F Edi-Nwg; F Nth (S) F Edi-Nwg; A Bur (S) GERMAN A Kie-Mun; A Bel-Ruh; F Spa(sc)-Por; F Mid (S) F Spa-Por
(Thomson)

FRANCE: A Por-Spa; F Gas (S) A Por-Spa; A Mun-Bur
(Naus)

GERMANY: A Mar-Gas; A Kie-Mun; F Bal-Ber; A Sil-Ber; A Pru-War; F Swe-Both
(Beyerlein)

ITALY: A Pie (S) A Ven; A Ven (S) A Pie; F Tun-Tyrr; F Nap-Tyrr
(Greene)

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AUSTRIA: A Vie-Tri
(Cochran)

RUSSIA: F Nwy-Ska; F Both-Bal; A Mos-StP; A Rum-Ukr; A Pud-Vie;
(Nelson) A War-Pru; A Gal (S) A Bud-Vie; F Ank-Arm

TURKEY: F Aeg-Con; A Gre-Bul; A Ser (S) A Tri; A Tri (S) A Ser;
(Clark) F Ion-Tyrr; F Aeg-Ion

Underlined moves do not succeed. The French Army Portugal is annihilated. The French Army Munich may retreat to Bohemia, Tyrolia, or off the board. The Austrian Army Vienna may retreat to Bohemia, Tyrolia, or off the board. Since these two retreats potentially conflict, I am calling for retreats early, so other players may know the results.

DEADLINE FOR "SUMMER 1905" RETREATS IS TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 1970
-DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1905" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 1970

ROMA TO CONSTANTINOPLE How would a bit of a peace treaty sound about now?

GENEVA (DWE) It would sound like you're taking this feminist movement stuff too seriously.

ROMA TO BERLIN You don't bug me, I don't bug you. O.K.?

ISLE OF SAPHOS The local feminist movement now comes for recruits far and wide.

NO SOURCE GIVEN You're on.

ORTHANC 65

Game 1908AE "Winter 1904, Game L" 22 July 1970

K A I S E R R E A P P E A R S

FRENCH EXPANSION FILLS PORTS

FRANCE: Build Fleet Brest, Fleet Marseilles, Army Paris
(Halle)

GERMANY: Remove Army Silesia, Fleet Skaggerak
(Lebling)

ITALY: Build Fleet Rome
(Francis)

DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1905" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 1970

PETROGRAD - 28 November 1904 (Butler Press) An Imperial Commission appointed by His Imperial Majesty Tsar Boris II to investigate the destruction of Grodno has finally made its report. It was a very terse statement: "The missile launched by the Unrainian Insurgents against Grodno was not a duck egg. It was a silly goose egg."

WATERFORD, IRELAND - 3 December 1904 (BP) Reports here have finally confirmed wild stories of horror-stricken refugees from the north. Two days ago, Dublin was completely destroyed by a 3000-megabunk Billy James Hargis.

KIEV - 5 December 1904 (BP) Tsar Boris II reviewed His armies in the southern capital today. His Majesty also announced that the last ragged remnants of the Ukranian revolutionaries had been exterminated by a 200-megaret Howard K. Smith. This latest horror weapon was used in conjunction with a 250 megalie Billious Buckley. The Ukrainians were burned in giant ovens constructed by the two krror weapons. This action received the immediate endorsement of U.S. Representative James B. Nutt, whose political and moral purity is never too great for him to talk about.

LONDON - 23 December 1904 (BP) Queen Lottahuuhaa of Hawaii, together with Her father and latest husband, Prince Lechery Borgia (formerly known as "Tsar Daniel of Kyiv"), arrived here amid feverish demonstrations and chants of "In We Cest, In We Cest." The Compte du Bergerac, Governor-General of England, met the royal pair and showed them to sumptious quarters in the Towar.# There, Her Majesty announced that two of Her Sisters, Sappho and Lesbia, leaders of feminist movements in time-line 1967A, would be married in Westminster Cathedral on the 25th. The ceremony will be performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who will also deliver his Xmas Sermon, "If I Had a Hammer."

#Doubtless the Governor-General will send his best portrait painter to the Towar so that the Borgias can be drawn and quartered there. (Augh! Augh!) ((jgk))

NEW YORK - 3 October 1904 (Ecben Press) Today the Free State of Triinsula successfully beat off an attack by the Sinister Monolithic International Atheist Conspiracy. At the prayers of the Revd. Billy Braham, a protective dome materialized over the entire city -- an event wildly distorted by the incompetent and illiterate Russian press. The ignorance of the Free State's geography among the SMIAC high command helped too. They believed a target in the City itself to be in the suburbs, and bombarded the wrong spot.

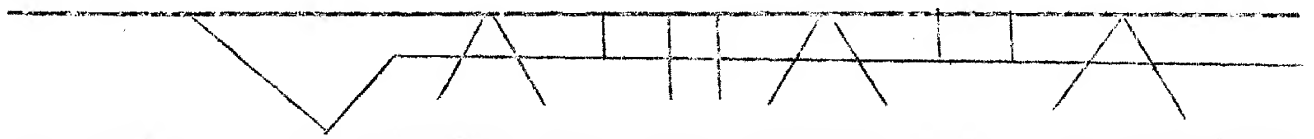
TARA - 12 October 1904 (EP) High King Eoghan XXV, back from superintending the occupation of Helsinki, was highly gratified by the success of a trap matrix which had precipitated the Hawaiian invaders into an alternate world where Ireland was -- retch -- occupied by the -- AAAArggghhh! -- English. He was puzzled, however, by confused rumors that Tara was in Georgia.

"What is this 'Tara of Georgia?' Selznick? Who does this Selznick think he is?..."

NEW YORK - 9 December 1904 (EP) The Council met today to consider retalliation for October's attack on Triinsula. It was proposed that the exiled Bishop of Hawaii (the Rt. Rvd. Abner Hale) be dropped on San Diego, heart of SMIAC, but this was vetoed as inhumane.# Instead, 30 million copies of Mere Christianity and other works of C.S. Lewis will be parachuted into San Diego.

#True... dropping anyone into San Diego would be inhumane. jgk

SAN DIEGO - 18 December 1904 (EP) The Triinsulan bombardment of Fortress San Diego was an outstanding success. SMIAC dispersed in dismay, and Sinister Mastermind Rodnetzky Idtyeff fled for other parts of California, where the Triinsulan forces will not sully themselves by pursuing him.



#13 "Fall 1907, Game 1968AB" 22 July 1970

G E R M A N Y A T T A C K S R U S S I A

NEW FRENCH RULER SELECTED

NOTE: Omitted from the listing of German pieces last issue was "Army Brest"

FRANCE: (Latimer) No moves received. F's Pie, Spa(sc), Mid; A's Bmr, Pic-stand

GERMANY: (Peery) F Erg-Bre; F Bal-Swe; F Hol-Bel; A Kie-Ber; A Mun-Ber; A Bre-hold

ITALY: (McCallum) F Lvp-hold; A Bel (S) FRENCH A Pic

RUSSIA: (Smythe) A Ukr (S) A Sev; A Mos (S) A Sev; A Gal (S) A Sil-Boh; A Sil-Boh; A Lvn-War; F Nat-Lvp; A Sev concocts spitballs to throw at the Turks ((Remember: gentlemen who expect to rate will not expectorate on the Turks!))

TURKEY: (Zelazny) A Arm-Sev; F Bla (S) A Arm-Sev; A Rum-Gal; A Bud (S) A Rum-Gal; A Vie (S) A Rum-Gal; A Bul-Rum; A Boh-Mun; A Tri-Ven; F Tyrr-Lyon; F Aeg-Ion; F Adr-Apu

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Russian Army Galicia is annihilated.

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1907" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 1970

BUILDS:

FRANCE: Par, Spa, Por, Rom, ~~Wen~~ ((4)) Remove ONE
GERMANY: Kie, Hol, Den, Lon, Ber, Bre, Swe, Mun ((8)) Build ONE
no place for second build
ITALY: Mar, ~~Pie~~, Lvp, Bel ((3)) No place to build one
RUSSIA: Mos, War, Edi, StP, Nwy, ~~Swe~~, ~~Fin~~, Sev ((6)) No change
TURKEY: Ank, Smy, Bul, Gre, Ser, Nap, Vie, Tun, Con, Bud, Tri,
Rum, Ven ((13)) Build TWO

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NOTE: James Latimer is removed as the player for France (not having made a move for 16 months), and is replaced by:

Larry St. Cyr
30 Frederick Street
No. Adams, Massachusetts 01247

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BERLIN (29 July 1907) Delivering His Supreme Peericratic annual birthday message to the world today, the Supreme Peericrat informed the world that henceforth the policy of the Peerireich was one of tatal and complete cooperation and alliance with Turkey and total and complete resistance to the Russian invaders of the Motherland.

MUNICH (30 July 1907) The streets and walls of this city are covered with whitewashed letter "Z's."

CORONADO (4 July 1907) In its annual Fourth of July Parade Governor Hiran Johnson today told Coronado's citizens that John Smythe was one class-A ass, subtype, burro.

GENEVA (DWE) You should be warned, Peericrat, that in Youngstown or Nebraska, them's fightin' words.

MISSIVE

WILLIAM LINDEN, 83-23 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N.Y. 11415 Rod perhaps takes the line, retailed by Holinshed and Shakespeare, that "King Pepin;s title and Hugh Capet's claim,/ King Lewis his satisfaction all appear/ to hold in right and title of the female."

To Mehran: Morglay - Bevis of Hampton; Flamberge - Miramon Luagor; Quernbiter - Haakon I. The vulgar name of Caudinordax is, of course, Tailbiter. Odin's spear in Gungnirz.

You might try identifying this list: Grani, Veillantif, Vabieca, Borak, Tachebrun, Sleipnir, Roan Barbary, Rabican, Bayard. ((I'm out of my depth. jk))

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AND NOW, THE EVENT NONE OF YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR:

Mike Hammer At The Dipcon III

Chapter One

I boarded the jet at Youngstown International Airport with my usual aplomb and took a seat near the window. In fact, next to the window. While I normally prefer traveling by fast car, fast bus, fast boat, or by train, I had no time to spare. The bloodshed and mayhem were to begin in Oklahoma that very afternoon, and I didn't want to miss any of the fun or homicide.

I turned to the dazzling, pneumatic blonde on my left and, noting the invitation in her soft brown eyes and full lush lips, smiled my usual cruel, hard, heartless smile, then turned and gazed out of the window. Something was wrong. I gazed in puzzlement at the wing outside my window, and the answer suddenly came to me. My breath froze in my throat. The blood pounded in my head. Tiny mice ran up and down my spine. My foot went to sleep. "OH MY GOD!!" I shrieked casually, waving my arms in the air, "The engines are gone. Somebody's stolen the engines off the wing! Well all die if the plane takes off with no engines!" I always maintain my calm exterior during emergencies.

"They're mounted on the tail in this kind of plane, you moron," the blond said seductively, unbuckling her seat belt and leaning toward me hungrily before moving to a seat at the other end of the cabin. Oh well, some broads just can't take it.

We were preparing for takeoff so I relaxed and leaned rigidly back in my seat, shut my eyes tightly, and gripped the arms of my chair. After a few frightening minutes the plane seemed to stabilize, though there were periodic clankings and several sickening lurches. The flight seemed to go on for hours, but finally I opened my eyes and stared out at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

Strange, I mused. It looks just like Youngstown. I always thought Chicago had a big airport, even bigger than our own. Oh well, you know how airports are to the seasoned traveler.... they all look alike.

My reverie was interrupted by the voice of the pilot, who sounded suspiciously like a Chinese Communist or perhaps a German Luftwaffe veteran... you know, <u>suspicious</u>. "We're sorry to inconvenience you, but the maintenance men here at Youngstown can't seem to get the plane fueled. We'll be flying to Cleveland, and then on to Chicago, just a little behind schedule."

That explained it! The airport looked just like Youngstown because it <u>was</u> Youngstown! Or was it? You can never tell.

Several hours and plastic bags later we reached Chicago. I quickly slipped out of the plane and into the terminal, stopping only to smile at the stewardesses and put a bullet through the pilot's head. Sneaky German Chinese Communist!

I swiftly transferred to an American Airlines plane (a much more likeable name than "United," which has pacifistic overtones). I was striding down the aisle, stepping on toes, when a hand clasped my arm painfully and a familiar voice said, "Sit here."

I turned, my gun halfway out of the holster, and recognized Edi Birsan, an old friend. Edi was a welcome sight. I broke one of Edi's fingers, however. Teach people not to drag Mike Hammer's arm!

((to be continued))